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## MEMORANDUM

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CG-CVC

Reply: Mr. L. Harden  
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To: CG SECTOR Anchorage (sp)

Subj: ENDORSEMENTS FOR MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS (MMC) AS  
OPERATOR UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS RESTRICTED WITHIN  
SECTOR ANCHORAGE OFFICER IN CHARGE, MARINE INSPECTION (OCMI)  
ZONE.

Ref: (a) Your 16721 Memos dated 3 May 16, and 4 May 16  
(b) Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 11.467(g)  
(c) CG-543 Policy Letter 10-04

1. I have reviewed references (a), (b), and (c), and considered your recommendations for creating multiple restricted operator of uninspected passenger vessels (ROUPV) endorsements for waters within the Sector Anchorage Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) zone, specifically, the following:

- a. *Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Restricted to Navigable portions of Nushagak River from Black Point up to the confluence with the Nuyakuk River, the Nuyakuk River, the Tikchik River, Tikchik Lake, Nuyakuk Lake, Northwest Passage, Lake Chauekuktul, the Wood River, Lake Aleknagik, the Agulowak River, Lake Nerka, the Agulukpak River, Lake Beverly, the Peace River, Milchalk Lake, the Wind River, and Lake Kulik, AK;*
- b. *Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Restricted to the Noatak River, AK from the southern terminus of Kinuk Island to the Agashashok River confluence;*
- c. *Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Restricted to the Copper River, AK between the Chitina Airstrip and the Taral Creek confluence;*
- d. *Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Restricted to the Tokositna River between the Chulitna River confluence and Hope Lake, and to the Chulitna River between the Parks Highway Bridge and the Tokositna River confluence; and*
- e. *Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Restricted to the Kobuk River, AK from the channels of its delta to the village of Kobuk, AK.*

2. Your requests were reviewed against pertinent regulations and the information provided, including all risk assessments, and are approved.

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3. In order to obtain an endorsement as operator of uninspected passenger vessels restricted to a route as listed in paragraph (1), the mariner must provide proof of the following:

- a. Application Process- Proof that the mariner has met the application requirements of 46 CFR Part 10, except as noted below.
  - i. Proof that the applicant has reached 17 years of age in accordance with reference (c) and (d).
  - ii. Proof that the mariner has enrolled at a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), or, if the mariner has previously held a TWIC, submit a statement with their application which notes that they do not require a TWIC.
  - iii. Proof of at least 90 days of sea service in the operation of the type of vessel and on each body of water for which the endorsement is requested in accordance with reference (b). Of the 90 days, a maximum of 30 days of non-motorized vessel experience may be used to meet the 90 day total service requirement; the rest of the time must have been on motorized vessels. (Sea service is not creditable on house boats or float planes.) For original applicants to meet sea service recency requirements, 30 of the 90 days must have been completed within the last three years. See reference (d) for further sea service requirements.
- b. Course & Examination Requirements- Proof that the mariner has meet the course or examination requirements per reference (d) and as listed below:
  - i. Applicants may pass either the Inland OUPV examination or the restricted OUPV examination.
  - ii. As an alternative to examination, applicants may pass a Coast Guard approved course for a ROUPV credential.
  - iii. Proof of current first aid and CPR qualifications.

4. If a mariner qualifies for an endorsement as operator of uninspected passenger vessels restricted to the waters listed above, within the Sector Anchorage Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) zone, the credential will read as follows for the applicable route(s):

OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS RESTRICTED TO NAVIGABLE  
PORTIONS OF NUSHAGAK RIVER FROM BLACK POINT UP TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE  
NUYAKUK RIVER, THE NUYAKUK RIVER, THE TIKCHIK RIVER, TIKCHIK LAKE, NUYAKUK  
LAKE, NORTHWEST PASSAGE, LAKE CHAUEKUKTUL, THE WOOD RIVER, LAKE  
ALEKNAGIK, THE AGULOWAK RIVER, LAKE NERKA, THE AGULUKPAK RIVER, LAKE  
BEVERLY, THE PEACE RIVER, MILCHALK LAKE, THE WIND RIVER, AND LAKE KULIK, AK;

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OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS RESTRICTED TO THE NOATAK RIVER,  
AK FROM THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF KINUK ISLAND TO THE AGASHASHOK RIVER  
CONFLUENCE;

OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS RESTRICTED TO THE COPPER RIVER,  
AK BETWEEN THE CHITINA AIRSTRIP AND THE TARAL CREEK CONFLUENCE;

OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS RESTRICTED TO THE TOKOSITNA  
RIVER BETWEEN THE CHULITNA RIVER CONFLUENCE AND HOPE LAKE, AND TO THE  
CHULITNA RIVER BETWEEN THE PARKS HIGHWAY BRIDGE AND THE TOKOSITNA RIVER  
CONFLUENCE; OR

OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS RESTRICTED TO THE KOBUK RIVER,  
AK FROM THE CHANNELS OF ITS DELTA TO THE VILLAGE OF KOBUK, AK.

5. Should you have any questions concerning this determination you may contact Mr. Luke  
Harden at (202) 372-2357 or via email to [mmcpolicy@uscg.mil](mailto:mmcpolicy@uscg.mil).

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